

Internal Reviews

Internal Reviews are available to review 'original decisions' made by Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC), other than decisions of stewards made under the Rules of Racing.

Key facts about Internal Reviews

- An application for an Internal Review must be lodged no more than 14 days after receipt of a notice of decision.
- There is no cost to apply for an Internal Review.
- Internal Reviews will be finalised within 20 business days from the receipt of the application by QRIC.
- If the QRIC does not finalise the decision with 20 business days the QRIC is taken to have confirmed the original decision in accordance with s245(8) of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016*.

You won't receive a stay or delay of the original decision

Lodging an Internal Review application with QRIC does not give you a stay or delay the implementation of the original decision. The original decision will remain in place while the internal review is completed. If you want a stay of a decision to cancel or immediately suspend your licence, you must apply to QCAT while you are waiting for your internal review application to be conducted.

It is possible for you to lodge a request for a stay of decision with QCAT immediately after lodging your Internal Review application, but you will always have to submit an Internal Review application to the Commission – and it must be submitted first.

The decision

The Commission can dismiss the original decision, confirm the decision, amend the decision or substitute another decision. They will communicate their decision in writing and a review must be finalised within 20 business days of the date of application.

Appeal to QCAT – for licensing decisions

If you are still unhappy with the outcome of the Internal Review decision in relation to your licence, you can lodge an appeal with the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). QCAT is an independent tribunal which resolves disputes and makes and reviews decisions about a wide range of issues. Their vision is for fair and just outcomes through a fair and impartial hearing. There is an application fee to hear disputes through QCAT. To apply, you will need to complete a form and include the correct fee with your application. Find out more on the QCAT website. <http://www.qcat.qld.gov.au/>

Appeal to the Magistrates Court – decision to seize or forfeit an animal

Section 247 of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016* enables a person who has applied for internal review of a decision to seize or forfeit an animal to appeal to the Magistrates Court of Queensland in relation to the internal review decision.

Help and assistance

For assistance with Internal Reviews, contact the Commission: 1300 087 021 8.30am – 4pm, Mon - Fri
Visit the QRIC website at: www.qric.qld.gov.au

